

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 28 and ending at page 6, line 11 as follows:

In a further embodiment of the invention, a hearing aid or hearing device respectively with a base plate ~~according to claim 1~~ with a shell connected to the base plate enclosing the electronic module is provided. The invention shape of the base plate is especially suitable for small dimensions occurring in the area of hearing aids or hearing devices respectively. The configuration is especially suitable for in-the-ear hearing aids in the field of miniaturization due to its simple design. A simple exchange of the battery may thus be ensured even by not trained persons, such as the wearer of the hearing device, without any damaging of the electronic modules by movements of the cap designed as battery compartment.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 19-21 as follows:

In a further embodiment of the invention, the use of a base plate ~~according claim 1~~ for hearing aids or hearing devices respectively is provided.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 21-27 as follows:

The opening is further on overarched by a bar 5, which bar is laterally ~~held held~~ or embedded respectively in the base plate 1. This bar 5 may for instance serve as pivotable attachment of a cap (not shown in figure 1) for closing the remaining opening. This cap may advantageously serve as holder for a button-shaped battery, which battery serves as power supply for the electronic modules.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 1-10 as follows:

Figure 2 now is showing the two electronic modules 3 and 4 without the base plate 1 for better overview purposes. Both electronic modules 3 and 4 are arranged practically ~~adjoin~~ adjoining each other. The modules 3 and 4 may be inserted in this position though the opening 2 of the base plate 1. Normally the one module 3 will be inserted first and the second module 4 further on, as the opening 2

only has a restricted width. The module 3 is already set in its laterally final position in the pictured position, apparent from its position relative to the as well pictured bar 5.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 11-21 as follows:

The second module 4 may now be moved laterally into its final position, as pictured in figure 3. Thereby the opening already shown in figure 1 will be formed between the two modules 3 and 4. This opening now just has the width to insert a battery between the two modules 3 and 4, which may be brought into conducting contact with contact tongues 6 or 7 respectively arranged advantageously on the two modules 3 and 4. The already mentioned cap may therefore be configured in a well known ~~matter manner~~ as a battery cap ~~and~~ fixing the battery and pivoting into its final position.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines as follows:

Figure 4 is showing the view of the position of both modules 3 and 4 according to figure 2 from below ~~of~~ the base plate 1. The guiding slots 8 provided at the underside of the base plate 1 are visible, to which the stop faces of the module 4 will come into contact by its ~~laterally lateral~~ movement. Similar stop faces 14, 15 of the module 3 are shown in figure 2, which come into contact with similar guiding slots (not shown). A further stop face 9 of the module 4 is visible as well, which comes into contact against a pin 10 in the area of the recess 11 of base plate 1 from the upper side.